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Title: CONJUGATES OF HAPTENS TO BETA-LACTAM DERIVATIVES AND
THEIR USE FOR DETECTING AND/OR QUANTIFYING HAPTENS IN
SOLUTION AND DEVICE FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

In reference to the above-identified patent application, Applicant responds to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office communication mailed 31 January 2003, entitled "Continuity Problem in a Nonprovisional Application".

Applicant respectfully asserts that a filing date for application serial no. 09/915,211 should have been afforded as it fulfilled the requirements for a complete application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (b). Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (b), the filing date of an application for patent is the date in which a specification containing a description, at least one claim, and any drawing are filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. As application serial no. 09/915,211 was filed containing these elements, a filing date should have been assigned.

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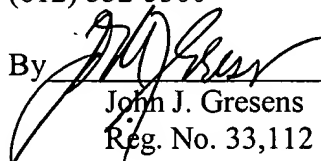
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

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